(b) what is the number out of these that are in public sector and in the private sector;

(c) what is the production of textiles from these mills; and

(d) whether Government have any proposal to set up more textile mills in the State in public as well as in Private Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) As on 31-1992, there were 8 textile mills comprising 5 cotton/man-made fibre spinning units, 2 weaving units and 1 woollen spinning unit in Assam. Out of them 5 were in Public Sector, 2 in Private Sector and 1 in Cooperative.

(c) and (d) In respect of 5 spinning uits, production of yarn was 62,11,000 kgs. in the year 1991. The woollen unit produced 4,70,000 kgs. of yarn Production of weaving unit is not available. Government does not have any proposal to set up more textile mills in the Public Sector.

Expenditure on Punjab elections

*334. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred on the elections scheduled for June, 1991 in Punjab and the elections held there in February, 1992;

(b) percentage of voters' turn out for Lok Sabha and Assembly elections held in February, 1992; and

(c) the details of polling stations where voting was less than 5 per cent and where no polling took place at all?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The total expenditure incurred on the elections scheduled for June, 1991 in Punjab was Rs. 3.46 crores and the expenditure incurred in elections held in February, 1992 was Rs. 6.56 crores.

(b) The percentage of voters turn out for the Lok Sabha was 23.91 and for the Assembly was 24.23.

(c) The polling was less than five per cent in 911 polling stations and there was no polling in 770 polling stations.

Indians seeking Asylum in Germany

*335. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of the Indian citizens seeking asylum in Germany is on the rise;

(b) if so, what is the number of Indian citizens who sought asylum in Germany at the end of 1991 as compared to the year 1990;

(c) what are the major grounds on which asylum is sought by Indian citizens in Germany;

(d) how many of the asylum seekers have been given asylum by the German Government; and

(e) what is the reaction of Government of India with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) There is no definite discernible trend in the available statistics for the last 10 years.

(b) Number of asylum seekers in 1990—5612 and in 1991—5523.